

Children & Youth Team Minutes

April 2, 2014

Children's Ministry: by Rhonda Linsley

Rhonda's Mission Statement

To teach the children to love God, love others and share that love with the world. To teach the children to memorize scripture that will affect the way they live their lives.

Our meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., with prayer. Those in attendance were Rhonda Linsley, Kristen Burks, Stephanie Schneider and Rhonda Smith.

Sunday School

John Strange will be going into the Pre-K Room in May. Sherwin Dent and Karen Shearer will be teaching Grades 1-2, and Jeff and Rhonda Linsley will be teaching Grades 3-5. We will have promotion Sunday in June. Any preference as to what Sunday? **We have chosen to make June 8 Promotion Sunday, since June 1 is a communion Sunday.**

K-5 Alive

Continue to pray for this program for next year. I would love to procure a list of people to contact in August to get either a rotation of 2-3 adults or two reliable constants. I need a minimum of five people (adults and youth helpers) from 4-5 p.m. to comfortably run the program. It is much more effective breaking into small groups for the Bible Study.

Any ideas for crafts that the K-5 Alive kids can make for the Mission Team's Fall Bazaar?

Here's what I'm thinking of, but don't have any specifics:

- Soup jars and/or cookie/brownie gift jars (would ask for donations from the congregation)
- Wind chimes made out of recyclables.
- Christmas Tree ornaments
- Homemade Bath & Body products

The group made suggestions of Hand Scrub (Stephanie Schneider) and Christmas gift tags using old Christmas cards and stamping TO: and FROM: on them. Also, to be looking for easy Christmas ornament ideas, as they usually sell well.

These are the dates and lesson plans for the remainder of the school year:

April 9	(To Loch Haven Nursing Home)
April 16	(To Macon Health Care)
April 23	God Gives Wisdom
April 30	God Speaks About Action

VBS for Summer 2014

VBS is set for Monday-Thursday, July 28-31, from 6:00-8:30 PM.

Mandi Brown has agreed to be the Dinner Team Coordinator and Rhonda Smith is considering taking on the role of Decorating coordinator. We believe the children can help make some of this year's fun and exciting animal-themed decorations. With those two areas delegated, it frees me up to dig into all the other aspects of VBS....planning, recruiting, advertising, purchasing, training and registration. **Rhonda Smith did agree to be the Decorating Coordinator.**

The theme will be “Weird Animals” by Group Publishing, and the set up will be very similar to last year’s Kingdom Rock. Talk about team’s thoughts of Bible Story at the beginning...tied in with the worship. Dig into that some at the meeting, if time, and watch the decorations video.

Kristen Burks noted she would only be available Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for VBS.

The Shepherd, The Lamb Wall Cross Easter Activity

Kristen confirmed that she would be available May 18 to lead the Children’s Bell Choir special.

Asked if anyone has been doing the 6-week Easter devotional with their families and get their thoughts.

Kristen shared that her family has enjoyed doing the family devotional and believes most families appreciate receiving these type devotionals to do at home with their families.

Easter Sunday – Special Music, April 20, at 10:45 AM

Uplifters are learning the music from the Christ is Risen Easter Program, and we are throwing in the song “White Flags” for the closing.

Still working on whether we will have drama or dance in the song “Christ is Risen,” and who will be our readers between the first three songs.

Children’s Ministry Conferences / Training

- **March 30 Mark Twain District Training for Christ Centered Ministry.** 3-5 p.m., here at Macon UMC.
 - Those in attendance were Rhonda Linsley, Sandy Luzader and Roger Smith.
 - Pass out the notes that Rhonda took during the training.

2014 Children’s Ministry Calendar Dates:

Kristen confirmed that she would be available May 18 to lead the Children’s Bell Choir special. (Change noted below from May 25 to May 18.)

Wed., Mar 5 Sun., Mar 9	[Gave out The Shepherd, the Lamb Easter devotionals.] Both Services, Children’s Choir Special “Your Word Is A Lamp” [Give out The Shepherd, the Lamb Easter devotionals to remaining families.]
Sun., Mar 16 Sun., Mar 30	10:45 Service, 2 nd Quarter SS Attendance Awards Either “God Created It All” or Children’s Bell Choir Special “Holy, Holy, Holy” – Unity Service in Worship Center
Wed., April 2 Wed., April 9	3:15-5:00 PM, K-5 Alive 4:00 PM - K-5 Alive Children to sing at Loch Haven Nursing Home <ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Wiseman / Foolishman”• “Awesome God”• “You Are My All In All”
Sun. April 13	In both Services, Palm Sunday - Children’s Choir will wave palm branches during closing song “Mantosy Palmas” for 8:45 Service – and to the first Praise Song in the 10:45 service.
Wed., April 16 Sun., April 20 Wed., April 30 Sun., May 11 Sun., May 18 Sun., May 25	4:00 PM - K-5 Alive Children to sing at Macon Health Care Center Easter Sunday, Scripture Readers between songs in the 10:45 Service. 3:15-5:00 PM, LAST K-5 Alive 9:40 Bell Choir Practice “Circle of Life” Both Services, Bell Choir special “Circle of Life” Possible VBS recruiting Video – both services

Sun., June 8	10:45 Service, 3 rd Quarter SS Attendance Awards & Promotion Certificates
Sun., June 29	Unity Service, Children's Choir Special-maybe "In Jesus' Name"
M-F, July 28-31	6-8:30 p.m. VBS
Sun., Aug 3	Special VBS Music in both Services
Sun., Aug 31	Both Services, Children's Choir Special (A VBS song)
Sun., Aug 31	? Acolyte Training at 12:30 p.m. after the Unity Service
Thurs., Sept 4	Order Operation Christmas Child Boxes and Promo Materials
Sun., Sept 14	10:45 Service, 4 th Quarter SS Attendance Awards
Sun., Sept 21	Both Services, Children's Choir Special "_____"
Sun., Sept 28	Operation Christmas Child Intro in Announcements with Intro Video